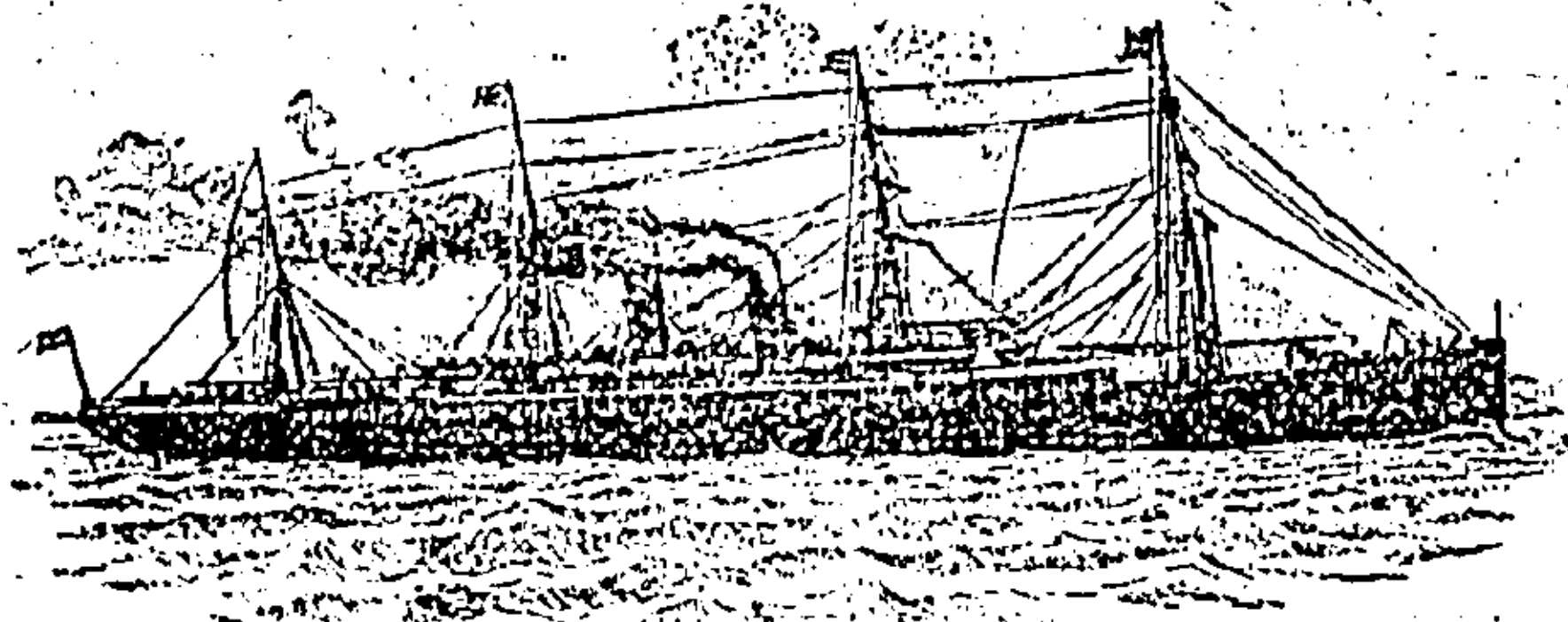


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TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO,
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

"HONGKONG MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 31st December, at Noon.
"CHINA"	THURSDAY, 8th January, 1903, at Noon.
"DAIICHI"	FRIDAY, 17th January, 1903, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	SATURDAY, 24th January, 1903, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	TUESDAY, 3rd February, 1903, at Noon.
"COPTIC"	TUESDAY, 10th February, 1903, at Noon.
"AMERICA MARU"	TUESDAY, 17th February, 1903, at Noon.
"KOREA"	FRIDAY, 27th February, 1903, at Noon.
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Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. "KOREA", 12,000 tons, Oct. 18th-28th, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE T. K. K. Company's Steamship "HONGKONG MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

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Special rates (First-class only) to European Ports, are granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Consular Services, and European Civil Service Officials located in Asia, and to European Officials in the Service of the Governments of China and Japan.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany each shipment of Cargo or parcel (valued at \$100. Gold or over) destined to Ports, beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Companies' Office addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

Merchant's Invoice will be sufficient for cargo or parcel (each shipment) when the value is less than \$100. U.S. Gold.

For further Information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

(Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.)

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S
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THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA
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(CALLING AT SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.)
"EMPIRE" Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 Knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).			
R.M.S.	"ATHENIAN".....	3,882 Tons.....	WEDNESDAY, 31st Dec., 1902.
"	"EMPRESS OF CHINA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 14th Jan., 1903.
"	"EMPRESS OF INDIA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 11th Feb., 1903.
"	"TARTAR".....	4,425 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 25th Feb., 1903.
"	"EMPRESS OF JAPAN".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar., 1903.
"	"ATHENIAN".....	3,882 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar., 1903.
"	"EMPRESS OF CHINA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 1st April, 1903.
"	"EMPRESS OF INDIA".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April, 1903.
"	"TARTAR".....	4,425 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 6th May, 1903.
"	"EMPRESS OF JAPAN".....	6,000 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 13th May, 1903.
"	"ATHENIAN".....	3,882 ".....	WEDNESDAY, 27th May, 1903.

THE magnificent "EMPIRE" Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS ("TARTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS) saving THREE DAYS to a WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

(Hongkong, 4th December, 1902.)

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Taking Cargo at through Rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, COPENHAGEN, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRIESTE, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT; BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
ADRIA	NEW YORK VIA PORTS.	28th Dec. Freight.
Scharrschmidt	GENOA AND HAMBURG.	30th Dec. Freight and Passengers.
STRASSBURG	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	13th Jan., 1903. Freight.
Madras	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	27th Jan., 1903. Freight and Passengers.
NURNBERG	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	10th Feb., 1903. Freight and Passengers.
Ilse	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	24th Feb., 1903. Freight.
WURZBURG	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	10th Feb., 1903. Freight and Passengers.
Blücher	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	24th Feb., 1903. Freight.
C. FERD. LAEISZ	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	10th Feb., 1903. Freight.
Fuchs	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	24th Feb., 1903. Freight.

For further Particulars, apply to

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

HONGKONG OFFICE,

No. 1, Queen's Building.

(Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902.)

Auction.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mr. F. G. COLLIER, to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, within his residence "Dunford" Mount Kellet, the Peak,

SATURDAY, the 27th December, 1902,

at 11 A.M.

THE WHOLE OF HIS

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising:—

BRASS-MOUNTED DOUBLE BED-STEADS with WIRE and HAIR MAT-RESSES, MARBLE-TOP WASH-STANDS and DRESSING TABLES with NEVELLED GLASS, TEAK-WOOD EXTENSION DINING TABLE, LEATHER-COVERED CHAIRS, TEAK-WOOD OVERMANTLES with NEVELLED GLASS, DINNER SERVICE, TEA and DESSERT SETS, CUTLERY and GLASSWARE, OLD CHINA VASES, (some of them are lost from Peking), &c., &c.

One COTTAGE PIANO by Collard and Collard, London, (almost new).

A large Assortment of Plants in Pots. (Refreshments will be supplied during the sale). Particulars as per Catalogue.

TERMS—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1407d]

Intimations.

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 4, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th day of December, 1902, at 12 N.O., for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the SUBJOINED SPECIAL RESOLUTION:—

RESOLUTION.

That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the Provisions of the Companies Ordinances 1865 to 1899, and that the Honourable Charles Stewart Sharp, Alexander George Wood, and John Thomas Martin Wheeler be appointed Liquidators of the said Company with liberty for each of them solely to exercise all the powers of the joint liquidators.

Dated this 13th day of December, 1902.

By Order of the Consulting Committee,

WILLIAM D. JUPP, Acting Manager.

[1360d]

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby giving that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of December, 1902, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to 31st instant, both Days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1902. [1379d]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED, will be held at the BANK PREMISES, Queen's Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st January, 1903, at Noon.

To receive and consider Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet to 31st Dec., 1902, the Reports of the Directors and Auditor thereon, to elect Auditors, and to transact the other Ordinary Business of the Company.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER of MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 21st day of January, 1903, both Days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [1392d]

THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that the Remaining Call of THREE DOLLARS per Share is now called up, and is PAYABLE at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 37, Connaught Road, on or before January 2nd, 1903.

On Payment, Shareholders will please hand in their Scrips for endorsement by the Manager.

By Order,

J. W. KEW, Manager.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1902. [1366d]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AND GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.

REVISED CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS.

THE senders of telegrams are hereby advised that from the 1st of January 1903 the Currency equivalent of the Franc has been raised from \$0.40 to \$0.46, subject to further revision three months hence, at which rate the tariffs for all telegrams from China will be collected.

Any further information desired may be obtained by applying at the Companies' Offices.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1398d]

THE STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

WORKS.—Causeway Bay (adjoining Kennedy's Stables). TOWN DEPOT.—2, Beaconsfield Arcade (Allwayway).

ALL work is done under European supervision, and the objectionable practices, common to Chinese laundries, of dampening from the mouth and sleeping on the clothes are not permitted. Collection and delivery at private residences. Monthly Terms quoted for Gentlemen. Special terms to families on application to—

F. G. ALLEN, Manager.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1902. [1368d]

Intimations.

SANITARY BOARD.

OWNERS of HOUSES, situated in the Western Division of the City of Victoria who have not had their Premises LIME-WASHED and CLEANSED in accordance with Law, are reminded that the period during which this work should be FINISHED ends on the 31st day of DECEMBER, 1902, and the Sanitary Board, being convinced of the necessity of cleanliness in its efforts to stamp out Plague, is determined to vigorously prosecute any owner in default after the above named date.

By Order of the Board,

G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office, Hongkong, 31st December, 1902. [1321d]

NOTE.—The Western Division of the City lies to the West of Morrison and East Streets.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875, the Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, TO-MORROW and FRIDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, respectively.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,

T. G. COCHRANE, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

For the MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,

E. W. ORMISTON, Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, Hongkong Agency,

GASTON MAYER, Acting Manager.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,

TARO HODSUMI, Manager.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,

E. W. RUTTER, Manager.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK, H. FIGGE, Manager.

For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK, J. W. R. TAYLOR, Manager.

For the GUARANTY TRUST CO. OF NEW YORK,

E. F. GROS, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1404d]

LOST.

IN the Laboratory of the Hongkong Hotel, A GENTLEMAN'S ENGLISH SILVER LEVER WATCH and GOLD CHAIN with GOLD LOCKET and JAPANESE IVORY CHARM attached.

The Finder will be rewarded if necessary on returning same to

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C/o H.K. Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [140'd]

ST. ANDREW'S BALL.

FOUND, in the City Hall (and handed to me to-day), a SAPPHIRE GOLD BRACELET. Will be restored to the Owner on application to

DAVID WOOD,

Hon. Sec., St. Andrew's Society.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1409d]

NOTICE.

ON and after SATURDAY, the 27th December, 1902, the OFFICES of the Undersigned will be MOVED to the 1ST FLOOR of No. 8, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL (at the Corner of Des Vœux Road Central and Ice House Street) above Messrs. Hughes and Hough's Auction Rooms.

JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1414d]

NOTICE.

OWING to the large increase in the Cost of Folders, &c., we are obliged to raise the PRICE of our MILK to 12 CENTS per small bottle from 1st January next.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LD.,

S. A. SETH, Secretary.

THE HONGKONG DAIRY,

G. W. GEGG, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th December, 1902. [1395d]

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KOBE, JAPAN.

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Hongkong, 16th December, 1902. [1367d]

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Hot and Cold Water throughout. Special Rates for Tourists.

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For Terms, apply to THE MANAGER.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1902. [1339c]

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THE most select Hotel in the Far-East, beautifully situated, over-looking the sea, and affords comfortable accommodation for travellers. The strictest supervision as to food and cleanliness is exercised by a European Manager.

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Intimations.

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THE only remedy at present known as an INFALLIBLE and PERMANENT CURE for SPRUE, DYSENTERY, DIARRHŒA, HEMORRHOGE and ULCERATION of the BOWELS.

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19, Old China Street, Shanghai.

12th October, 1898. [2]

THE PERAK SUGAR CULTIVATION CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The seventeenth annual general meeting of the Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited, was held on the 17th inst. at Shanghai. Mr. W. V. Drummond presided, and there were present Messrs. W. D. Little, J. H. McMichael, C. J. Duggan (Directors), J. M. Young, F. Anderson, A. E. Jones, A. S. P. White-Cooper, H. King Hiller (shareholders), and L. Kerr (Secretary).

The Chairman said—Our annual meeting was called for the 25th day of last month, but for the reasons there explained we were unable to complete our business, and the meeting was subsequently adjourned until to-day. The Report and Accounts have been in your hands for about two weeks, and therefore you have had time to consider them, and with your permission we will consider them as read. The past season has been a moderate one, and there is little that I can add to the information already conveyed to you in the annual report. With regard to the Klompang Estate, I may say that the machinery on that estate has worked satisfactorily throughout the season, though it has not of course been worked on anything like its full power. The Estate itself has paid its way during the year, and that is a satisfactory result for an estate in its first year.

Turning to the accounts there is only one item which appears to me to call for any special remark, and that is an item showing an apparent loss of about £15,000 on rum. The explanation of that item is this. When the accounts for the season are closed it is necessary as you are all well aware to estimate the value of all the property of the Company in order to make up the accounts completely. On the 31st August last year, when the season closed, there was on hand a stock of about 352 puncheons of rum. That was valued at 80 dollars a puncheon, which was the market rate. That included the rum on hand as well as a stock of molasses which it was intended to make into rum.

Shortly after that there occurred a very heavy fall in rum, and that fall unfortunately continued. The considerably reduced prices, and a certain amount of the molasses was not made into rum as intended before. The result of that is that in making up the accounts for this year we over-estimated the value of the stock of molasses last year about £15,000. There is not as actual loss on the rum itself, but there is an over-estimation of the actual value to be taken into account. I think I can add that such a fall is one that could not possibly have been foreseen. The rum in the previous year helped us very largely in the accounts and it must be expected to vary from year to year. With regard to one other item, you may perhaps notice that we have only written off about £15,000 for depreciation on plant, and that we have placed against new machinery of the Klompang estate. It may seem to you that that was rather a small amount to write off, and there fore in connection with the item I would like to mention to you a few facts. During the past eleven years, we have written off no less than £15,000 for depreciation on plant, machinery, and loss. During the same period we have spent out of working account £15,000 in repairs on machinery, plant, etc. The consequence of this is that we have to-day on the Gula estate, a very first-class plant and machinery, which stands in the books at about £15,000—equal to about £11,000. If we had now to replace that plant and machinery, it would cost us fully £10,000 and for that sum the present plant is now insured. With regard to the disposition of the Company's net profits during the past year, we have therefore proposed in the report to pay a final dividend of 7 per cent; to add to the Reserve Fund £15,000, making it up to £100,000; to write off depreciation £15,000; and to carry forward a very small amount. We trust that will commend itself to you as a very satisfactory result of what we cannot consider better than a moderate year. Our manager, Mr. Boyd, had nine months' leave during the past year, and during that time he has aided a visit home. During that stay at home he has been married, and he is due back on the estate with his bride early next month. Mr. Boyd joined the Company's service about 12 years ago, and he became full manager in the year 1896, which was, as you will remember, a very critical period in the affairs of the Company. Since that year the excellent results which have attended the working of the Company have been due to the management of Mr. Boyd, and the Board think this is a convenient occasion to make some acknowledgment of his good services. They therefore propose, with your consent, to give him a suitable wedding present, costing not more than about \$500. A new factory manager has been engaged by Mr. Boyd while at home. It was found absolutely necessary, with two estates to look after, at a considerable distance from each other, to secure an especially experienced expert factory manager to assist Mr. Boyd in the general work, and we took occasion of his visit home to authorise him to select such a manager. That manager is now on his way out to the estate with Mr. Boyd, and we therefore have every reason to hope and believe that there will be some very satisfactory results from his engagement. Finally, I may say that the Board are satisfied with the good work of the staff during the past year. There is nothing further for me to add to what you have already before you, but before concluding I shall be happy to answer questions to the best of my ability.

It was then proposed that a final dividend of 7 per cent, be declared, making a total of 12 per cent for the season ending December 30th, 1902. Adopted.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER—G. G. Gault.

Mr. J. M. Young thought that \$500 was rather meagre for a wedding present for Mr. Boyd.

The following resolutions were then proposed:—

That C. J. Duggan be re-elected a director of the Company. Adopted.

That G. R. Wingrove be re-appointed auditor for this Company with remuneration at 250 taels per annum. Adopted.

That the next annual general meeting of the shareholders be held in December, 1903. Adopted.

A vote of thanks was then proposed to the Chairman and staff for the good work done in the past year, which was adopted, and to which the Chairman responded, thanking the shareholders for their kind remarks.

Mr. Anderson then proposed that a wedding present to the value of \$1,000, instead of \$500 as originally proposed, be given to Mr. Boyd on his return. Adopted.

The meeting then adjourned, after the announcement that dividend slips would be issued the day following the meeting.

Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG EXCHANGE, OPEN DAY AND NIGHT.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

EXCHANGE LINES, \$80 Per Annum.

PRIVATE LINES, \$100 Per Annum.

NO CHARGE FOR INSTALLATION.

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NOTE ADDRESS:—2, ICE HOUSE ROAD

For full Particulars, &c., &c., Apply to W. STUART HARRISON, A.M. INST. C.E., Manager.

Hongkong, 13th October, 1902. [20]

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, HONGKONG.

OWING to the insufficiency of accommodation in the present building and the increasing demand for admission, it has been found necessary to extend the wings of the main building and to enlarge the Chinese department by an additional storey with two wings. The estimated cost will amount to over \$15,000. To cover these expenses we appeal to the liberality of all friends of Education. The establishment has been in existence for the last 25 years and is open to all classes. Much of the clerical work of the city is carried on by its past pupils. As this is the first time we have applied for assistance we expect a generous response. The names of our most liberal benefactors will be inscribed upon marble tablets, as a lasting testimony of their generosity. THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

Hongkong, 22nd November, 1902.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Cuffs and Collars renewed on old ones.

Ladies and Children's Underclothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superiress will also be most grateful for any PAPERS, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1903.

Intimations.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 37½ lbs. Net £6.00 per Cask ex Factory.
In Bags of 250 lbs. Net £3.75 per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1902. [19]

THE HONGKONG STUDIO.

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TOP STORIES, 41 and 43, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [139d]

NOTICE.

THE BEST PREVENTIVE OF ALL INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

AVOID ALL RISK OF OUTBREAK BY ITS USE.
W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co., Bank Buildings.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1903. [139d]

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BIRTHS.
At Kuala Lumpur, the wife of F. MINJOOT, Clerk of Works, Federal, of a daughter.
On the 23rd November, at Kedah House, Ghazal, the wife of Captain STANLEY S. FOWLER, late 5th Fusiliers, of a son.

MARRIAGE.
In the Presbyterian Church, Singapore, on December 15th, by the Rev. S. S. Walker, M.A. JAMES T. DOBIE, son of James Dobie, Schoolmaster of Ayr, Scotland, to LILLAS, daughter of Mrs. Henderson, of 565 Springburn Road, Glasgow.

DEATHS.
On the 10th December, at 153 Crangoon Road Singapore MARIA LOUISA, the beloved wife of Mr. F. B. Kraal, aged 59 years.
On 23rd December, at 28, Caine Road, ELIZABETH, the dearly beloved wife of G. J. W. King, aged 45 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24, 1902.

WILL HONGKONG FOLLOW SINGAPORE?

In view of the reported decision at the meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon that no action should be taken to effect a change in the local currency, we reproduce a leading article from the *Singapore Free Press* of the 18th inst., which will be read with interest by a large number of people following the question of the currency reform. In connection with the action of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce mentioned in our Straits contemporary the case for a gold standard is strongly made out for our sister Colony. Experts can now proceed to formulate schemes for the basis at which the change can be made. It will be a form of amusement, and so long as proper reticence is observed by the authorities, as to the rate of conversion, the means to be adopted to introduce the new currency, and the date of the conversion, no great harm will be done. One hope may be expressed—that the rate will not be greatly different from that current at the date of the conversion. That lesson at least must be learnt from the late action in Siam.

The *Free Press* expresses an opinion of the Penang Chamber of Commerce contained in the telegram which we publish elsewhere, of the "necessity" of a gold currency for this Colony, is one of the most important announcements that have been made in regard to the currency question. The Penang Chamber is "unanimous" that a gold currency is a "necessity." That is an emphatic expression of representative public opinion at the other end of the Colony. Equally emphatic was the expression at this end of the Colony when leading merchants, traders, property owners and professional men (European, Indian and Chinese) signed the petition presented to the Governor a week ago, also in favour of the gold standard. His Excellency went in to the Colonial Office. Of still more weight is the announcement that we are able to make upon good authority, that the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of Singapore, having completed the compilation of figures bringing up to date the statistics quoted in the report of 1897, has decided to address Government recommending the adoption of a gold currency, practically on the lines of the report of the Committee in 1897, viz., the British sovereign as the basis of our currency, with a Straits dollar subsidiary to it. The public will find forward with interest to the report of the Committee of the Chamber, which will doubtless be published in due time. We may assume that the argument that if the dollar dropped down to 60—if it were possible—this would still be to the advantage of the Colony, has not had any weight with the Committee, for the reason that from the year 1897 to the year 1901, during which exchange was practically stationary at about 1/12, the dollar value of our trade increased by nearly 30 per cent. A falling dollar had not in this period, as alleged, the effect of increasing trade, because in this period the dollar did not fall in value. The increase was due to natural expansion and a participation in the general trading prosperity of the world. The decline in the dollar from former values of 4/3, 3/6, 3/4, and so on was beneficial to producers, but not to consumers. The decline was disadvantageous. We take it that the Committee are in accord with the general public opinion that that point has been reached, when the dollar is at 1/7, with the prospect, upon the opening of China by foreign capital—all her hordes of labourers and her stores of mineral wealth, believed to contain much silver—of a further decline in the value of that metal. On a stable rate of exchange from 1897 to 1901 our trade largely increased. On a stable rate of exchange in the vicinity of 1/8 there can be no reason for supposing that our trade would be less prosperous. Those opposed to fixity have always advanced the silver basis of Siam as a reason for keeping silver for the Straits. That reason no longer exists. Siam is on a gold basis, and although the change has caused a considerable amount of dislocation of trade—the exact amount we are not in a position to judge, but believe it is not sufficient to endanger the scheme, the weak point of which was the difference between the rate current and that sought at first to be fixed—Siam will adhere to gold. The Philippines will undoubtedly come under gold, so that it may. Except China, then, where is our large silver trade to come from? The coolies have

benefited? Doubtless, but the coolies have to pay vastly more for their living now than they did, and the low rate has not been all advantage, nor a continuing advantage. These arguments must have impressed the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and it will be a source of satisfaction to those who ardently desire to see a trade placed on a basis in which speculation in exchange bears no part, to know that the two Chambers of Commerce have spoken with emphasis on the "necessity" for fixed exchange.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

CHRISTMAS, MERRY CHRISTMAS. has come again shedding its benign and joyous influence over the world. We take this opportunity of wishing our readers and the community at large the compliments of the season and intimating that the *Hongkong Telegraph* will not be published to-morrow or to-day.

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THE ENGLISH MAIL of the 22nd November was delivered in London on the 20th inst.

A CORRECTION.—The Orchestral morning service to-morrow will be held at St. Joseph's Church instead of at the R. C. Cathedral as stated in our issue last night.

COAL LIGHTER SUNK.—Whilst a coal lighter laden with about two hundred tons of coal was lying alongside the steamer *Itaitan*, it suddenly capsized. Fortunately no lives were lost.

FOOTBALL.—On Saturday afternoon next in the first round for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. *Glory*. Kick-off at a quarter to four. Mr. Triggs will officiate as referee.

W.O. S. SGT., & SERGTS. DANCE CLUB HONGKONG.—The Hon. Secretary wishes to inform members and friends that there will be no practice dance this week, but that the practice dances will be resumed on Friday, 2nd January, 1903.

CHINA-JAPANESE BANK.—A bill for the establishment of a China-Japanese bank to have a capital of Yen 20,000,000, has been submitted to the Japanese Diet. The purpose of the bank is said to be the loaning of money for mining and railway operations in China.

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ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERY.—Early yesterday morning three Chinamen entered a matshop at Wong-Nai-Cheong, and tied up its owner (a young woman) and then made off with everything of value. No arrest has yet been made, but the police are investigating the matter.

XMAS HOLIDAYS.—On Christmas day, and the 26th inst., the Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m. only. Correspondence for local delivery on those days may be received during the time the office is closed. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed on both days.

ITS OFF.—The Raja of Sarawak has issued an order to the following effect:—"The habit of wearing caps and hats of European shape and manufacture having become general amongst Natives of all classes; I hereby direct that any Native wearing such a cap or hat shall remove it from his head upon entering any Government offices or buildings, or when addressing any European officers." A very proper order too, observes a contemporary.

PRIZE FIGHTING IN PHILIPPINES.—There will be no more prize fighting in the Philippines. The Commission recently passed an act making it illegal to have any connection with such contests either by participating, training, sending, receiving or carrying a challenge or, in short, having any sort of dealings with reference to boxing contests. The law is very sweeping in its provisions and provides a liberal penalty for violation which amounts to \$2,500 gold or one year in prison.

DEATH OF MRS. G. J. W. KING.—It is our sad duty to record the death of the wife of Mr. G. J. W. King, land bailiff, which took place last night at her residence in Caine Road. The deceased had been ailing for some time and although a few weeks ago she exhibited signs of recovery, she expired last night as stated. The late Mrs. King had a large circle of friends, and by her geniality was a favourite with everyone with whom she came into contact. The funeral, which took place this evening, was largely attended. Many beautiful wreaths testified to the esteem held by her numerous friends. Great sympathy is felt for Mr. King and his four daughters, especially with Mrs. Mathiesen, the eldest daughter, who was only married about three weeks ago.

THE CHINGTU CASE.—The case in which Archibald Kerr and Charles Pengelly were arraigned on the charge that on July 1, 1902, upon the high seas, and on board the British ship *Chingtu*, they did feloniously and maliciously murder Lai Heng, was heard at Sydney on the 24th ult., both men being discharged without the slightest stain on their character. Chiang Yuen, Qwan Fat, and Wong Long were afterwards charged with having, on August 8, between themselves conspired together falsely to charge and accuse Archibald Kerr and Charles Pengelly that they had then lately before feloniously and maliciously murdered one Lai Heng. Cheng Yuen was sentenced to five years' penal servitude; and the other two prisoners to three years' imprisonment.

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N. Y. K. COAL.—Owing to the falling-off in the quotations for coal, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has been able to contract with the collieries for a supply of coal for next year's consumption by the company's steamers at a price: Yen 250,000 less than that usually paid. —*Nagasaki Press.*

A REPORT OF AN EARTHQUAKE at Poochow on 21st November, at 3.15 p.m., corroborates the impression of some few specially sensitive people that there was an earth tremor in Amoy also, for the date and time correspond exactly, but as it was so slight it probably escaped notice.

THE CHOLERA AT MANILA.—In reference to this subject brought before the Sanitary Board yesterday and reported in our issue last evening it was decided, on the proposition of the President, seconded by Mr. Osborne, that the Board recommend the Government not to rescind the proclamation and to continue the inspection of ships arriving from Manila.

Hello! Central!—Give me No. 397—Yes—Hello! Is this Mr. LeMunyon's New Store? Yes—Boy will bring a roll of film to you this a.m. and kindly have them done to-night. —*Adv.*

HONGKONG STEAMER REPORTS DERELICT.—The *str. Indrago*, Capt. Easterbrook, arrived from Manila yesterday and reports fresh to strong monsoon with heavy sea and swell. On Monday she picked up a boat floating bottom upwards without name or distinguishing mark. It had apparently been in the water some considerable time, there being a quantity of barnacles and sea grass on it. The bow and stern were damaged.

THE FRENCH MAIL of Nov. 29 will be brought from Colombo in the N.Y.K. *str. Sanki Maru*, due here early next week. This is the mail brought out from Marseilles by the Orient Line *Austral*. The *Caledonian* will wait at Colombo the arrival of the *Armand Behir*, which was delayed by the strike at Marseilles, and will bring on a supplementary mail and passengers. The N.Y.K. *strs.* are very proud of their designation "Imperial Japanese Mail Steamer." The bringing on of the European mail is a justification of the title.

REVOLUTIONARY RUMOURS IN PEKING.—Alarming rumours are current of a plan which is said to be on foot in the Palace at Peking to do away with the Emperor and substitute Yung Lu's princely son. In-law. Yung Lu is, according to this story, growing nervous at the prospect which comes daily nearer of the Emperor's Dowager's gradual retirement from active control of affairs, owing to her old age, and does not like the contemplation of his being put into the background should the Emperor's death occur. The Emperor's death would be a great struggle of parties, and the present scare is probably a mere anticipation of it. Not much importance is to be attached to the talk of the Peking tea-shops in matters of fact, but some note may well be taken of the general political uneasiness which is the fertile source of origin of these rumours. —*China Times.*

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DEATH OF "BLACK MARY."—Many a poor sailor far away from Shanghai will feel a pang of genuine regret when he learns that Mrs. Mary Berry, better known here as "Black Mary," is no more, says the *Shanghai Mercury*. She was a black woman with a white heart; if ever there was one, and during the long period of her residence in Shanghai, extending we believe over some 35 or 40 years, it is safe to say that she never refused a sailor a meal, or a drink for that matter, when he wanted it badly, and Mary could possibly provide it. Many and many a hapless and destitute beachcomber has Mary fed and sheltered without a thought of payment or reward, and innumerable are the acts of quiet, tactful kindness towards her poor neighbours recorded to her credit in Hongkong, where she dwelt for so many years. Every old resident of Shanghai knew her at least by appearance and reputation and all who knew her will regret her. She was a native of Alabama, U.S.A., and was well past her sixtieth year.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$2,000

FROM HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

M. H. Baptista, clerk to the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, was charged before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Police Court this morning with stealing, from the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, certain goods to the value of \$138.83, on 23rd January, 1902, and on other occasions the sum of \$1,163.84.

Mr. Looker, of Messrs. Deacon and Hastings, prosecuted on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, ex-Casor defended.

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HONGKONG PUBLIC WORKS.

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting his report for 1901 the Director of Public Works (Hon. W. Chatham) states:—"I have the honour to forward you my report upon the work of the Public Works Department during the year 1901. I regret that it should be so late, but the delay has been chiefly due to the special demands made upon my time during the current year by the visit of the Sanitary Experts, the measures which had to be devised to tide the Colony over the exceptional drought, and the preparation of new Building and Water Works Ordinances and Regulation. In addition to these, there have been several important matters of an exceptional nature under consideration, including the Praya East Reclamation Scheme, the resumption of the site for the new Post Office, estimates for schemes proposed by the Sanitary Experts, some important schemes for road improvements at Quarry Bay and Kowloon, etc., all of which have combined to make the past year an exceptionally busy one." From it we take the following extracts:—

DREDGING FORESHORES.
Comparatively little work was done under this heading during the year, in consequence of the dredger, whilst on hire in connection with the raising of the hopper dredger *Canton River*, having been sunk in the harbour on the 2nd March. The vessel and crane were successfully raised and, after undergoing thorough repairs at the hands of the Dock Company, resumed work on the 16th September. The dredger was subsequently hired to the Military Authorities for a period of four weeks in connection with the construction of a pier at Chong Lui near Devil's Peak. A commencement was made, towards the end of the year, with the removal of debris from the Bowington Canal.

MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND BRIDGES IN CITY.

The surfacing of macadamized roads with blue stone metalling, which was introduced in 1898, was discontinued in consequence of this material having proved to be unsatisfactory, and considerable quantities of it were taken up and replaced with grey granite. The blue stone, being exceedingly hard, appeared to resist the wear of the traffic, which is mostly of a light nature, whilst the material in the interstices between the stones wore away or was washed out by rainstorms, with the result that a very uneven surface was produced. The failure of this material, which had been laid down on most of the principal thoroughfares, caused a large expenditure in order to restore the roads to a satisfactory condition of repair. Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining a sufficient supply of labour, which was doubtless due, in some measure, to the recurrence of plague during the year. Towards the close of the year an improvement had been effected in the condition of the principal roads.

NEW LAW COURTS.

The contract for the construction of the foundations up to ground level was in progress during the year. In order to admit of the work being carried on, the Praya Reclamation Office had to be taken down, being rebuilt on a new site to the north of Queen's Statue. A matshed was erected as a temporary office during the reconstruction of the more permanent building. A portion of the old Praya wall, which crossed the South-east angle of the site, had to be demolished. It had been anticipated that piling would not be required over this area, but some trials showed that a layer of soft mud occurred a few feet below the foundation of the old Praya wall and piling was accordingly resorted to. Up to the end of the year, 1,148 piles had been driven, and a large proportion of the cement concrete foundations and granite footings had been put in.

JUBILEE ROAD.

Though practically unconnected with the Public Works Department, it is desirable to place on record the fact that the construction of the Jubilee Road from Kennedy Town to Aberdeen was begun in May, the work being placed under the care of Messrs. Denison, Ram & Gibbs. In accordance with the arrangement originally made, it ought to have been carried out by the Public Works Department, but, owing to insufficiency of staff, this could not be done and the Jubilee Committee therefore entrusted it to the firm mentioned. Good progress had been made with the work before the close of the year. The reasons of the delay, amounting to some three years, in the starting of the work, have already been made public and it is unnecessary to recapitulate them here.

JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

As originally proposed, the carrying out of this work was decided by public competition and, though the proposals upon which the competition was based were entirely abandoned, Messrs. Palmer & Turner, whose design had been selected, were appointed architects for the buildings. The formation of the site above Barker Road, which had been begun in 1900, was completed and the construction of the buildings was undertaken and had made considerable progress by the end of the year.

THE WALDORF CO. AT CANTON.

Our Canton correspondent writes, under date 23rd inst.:—"Last evening the galaxy of first class talent brought here by the Janet Waldorf Company, proved its superiority to any of the artists that have visited Canton. The *Lady of Oe-de* was placed on the boards of the Canton Club Theatre and from the rise to the fall of the curtain the house was kept amused. This brilliant piece, which centred round the exhibition of a cinematograph has been described in your columns—and the praise then given the actors and actresses was again earned on this occasion. If any particular part is worth special mention it would be the delineation of the *carrière de l'opéra* by Mr. Norval McGie, for which he will be long remembered."

COTTAM & CO., FOR WASHING CLOTHES.

ARRIVALS.

After a somewhat long absence from the Colony in England, the German Mail steamer *Peteress Irene*, the familiar figures of Dr. Paul Jordan and Mr. A. G. Morris, both of whom are welcomed back by their large circles of friends. We mention last but by no means the least distinguished name of Sir Paul Chater who, while in the old country, deservedly received at the hands of His Majesty the King the distinction of knighthood for long and meritorious services rendered in and for the benefit of the colony of his adoption. This is not the time or place to enumerate the many and important public schemes originated by, and carried out under the guidance of, Sir Paul; but with his return the hope may be entertained that the Eastern Reclamation will soon see a start and the vexing problem of the currency receive consideration at his able hands.

HONGKONG IN CHRISTMAS GARB.

With the advent of Christmas in this far Eastern Colony, the various hotels and places where friends congregate to wish each other the season's greetings, have assumed their Christmas garb. The Hongkong Hotel, especially the commodious refreshment stall, is one mass of evergreen whilst the pillars are garlanded with floral decorations. The entrance is also well decorated. The Connaught House is another sight worth seeing whilst Thomas's Hotel, which by the way recently changed hands and is under an entirely new management, stands out most prominent in the line of floral decorations. King Edward's Hotel not to be beaten is profusely decorated, whilst the stately New Victoria Hotel vie with her sister hotels in the matter of decorations. Going down West, one also notices the various saloons and taverns have donned on their "Xmas" garb, while in the Eastern District, commencing with the Soldiers' Club, the various saloons are also profusely decorated.

Wyndham Street this morning presented quite an animated scene. The flower sellers seem to have done a roaring trade with their flowers, and one cannot help but being struck with the hum of a busy city especially when one comes across coolies either carrying good things or elbowing themselves amidst the crowd with evergreens destined to decorate some private house. The various warships in the harbour are also making preparations to decorate the masts and yards of the ships, and the "handy man" is to be seen rushing hither and thither with parcels under his arms. Near him is Tommy Atkins making in the direction of his quarters piled with things of good cheer either for his mess or his quarters.

THE DISBANDED HONGKONG REGIMENT.

TO BE RE-DRAFTED INTO THE INDIAN ARMY.

We are glad, says the *Pioneer*, to see that the services of the Native officers and men of the Hongkong Regiment, now being mustered out at Jelum, will not be lost to the State. Those who elect to take their discharges altogether will receive pensions or gratuities, together with deferred pay or gratuity authorised in lieu thereof, a railway warrant will be granted from Jelum to the station nearest their homes for themselves and families. Those who wish to join the Indian Army will be allowed to reckon all former service for good-conduct pay and pension, but will have to forego all claim to pension, or gratuity under the terms of the Royal Warrant which governed their original enlistment. As to the various classes, Punjabi Mahomedans, up to the establishment of four companies, will be allowed to volunteer, in the ranks they held in the Hongkong Regiment, for the 9th Madras Infantry now being reconstituted at Bangalore; Ranghars, to the strength of one company, will be permitted to join the 5th Bengal Infantry now at Silchar; Yusufzais, Khatkats and other Pathans, as well as Hindustanis and other classes, may re-enlist in any battalion of the Indian Army, or in the reserve of any such battalion. All these volunteers will be given kil-money as for recruits at the rate of Rs. 30 per man; and before joining they will be granted special furlough for four months on full Indian rates of pay, with free passages by rail afterwards to the headquarters of the regiments in which they have elected to serve.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Acting Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—"On the 24th at 11.40 a.m. The barometer has fallen generally particularly in the North. Pressure remains high over Central China, but there are indications of the existence of a low area over Man-hu. Moderate monsoon on the China coast strong monsoon over the N. part of the China Sea. Forecast—moderate N. winds; fair."

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE.

Australian (*Chingtu*) to-morrow.
American (*China*) 31st inst.
American (*Doric*) 8th prox.
American (*Nippon Maru*) 16th prox.
The N. Y. K. Co.'s steamer *Sado Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on 23rd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 25th inst.
The C. N. Co.'s steamer *Taiyuan* from Australia (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on 23rd inst., and is expected to arrive here on 26th inst., at daylight.
The N. Y. K. Co.'s steamer *Kumano Maru* (Australian Line) left Kobe for Hongkong and Nagasaki for this port on the 23rd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 30th inst.

COTTAM & CO., FOR GENTS' BATHING GEAR.

TELEGRAMS.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

(By special arrangement with the Ostasiatische Lloyd.)

Crown Princess of Saxony.

STRANGE BEHAVIOUR.

BRUNN, 23rd December, 8.55 p.m.

The Crown Princess of Saxony, apparently morbidly affected, has suddenly left Salzburg and broken off all connections with the Royal House. The cause is reported to be a love affair. The Crown Prince broke his leg lately and is still suffering at Salzburg.

Prof. Kraft-Ebing Dead.

Professor Kraft-Ebing, Vienna, is dead.

Wireless Telegraphy Service.

BETWEEN ENGLAND AND CANADA.

The wireless telegraph service between England and Canada will soon be opened.

(Reuters.)

Wireless Telegraphy.

LONDON, December 22nd.

Signor Marconi has established wireless telegraphic communication between Cape Breton Island and Cornwall, and has transmitted a number of inaugural messages including one from the Earl of Minto, Governor-General of Canada, to His Majesty King Edward. This is the first time that messages as distinguished from letters have been transmitted.

Venezuela.

The British ship *Fantome*, one of the warships blockading Venezuelan ports, is aground at Barrancas on the Orinoco River.

LATER.

The Italian cruiser *Giovanni Bausan* has captured a Venezuelan schooner.

The Earthquake in Turkestan.

It is estimated that 16,000 houses were destroyed and 2,500 people killed by the earthquake at Ardijan, Feighana Province, Turkestan, where the rumblings continue. The work of excavation is proceeding, but despite all efforts, and the assistance of the Government, the inhabitants are suffering the utmost privations.

Bank Failure.

The old established bank of J. & J. W. Pease of Darlington has summoned a meeting of its creditors. The liabilities are half a million sterling.

NAVAL NOTES.

The Portuguese gunboat *Zizic* arrived from Macao yesterday.

THE KWANGSI REBELLION.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, 22nd December.

Great activity prevails in Canton military circles, owing to the very serious trouble the rebels are now giving. All the soldiers in the Pakhoi district are engaged and the drain is so seriously felt that the Viceroy of Canton requested that the Black Flags be sent to endeavour to suppress the Rebellion. This request, however, was refused, the excuse being that if any trouble occurred about Canton these were the best soldiers available. Yet seeing the rebels were getting even more audacious by their frequent successes something had to be done and it was decided to send 1200 of Mr. Li's men. Admiral Lee Beau of H. I. V. S. *Fuk-Poh* is then in correspondence and treaty with Messrs. A. R. Marty Co. of Hongkong with regard to the transportation and it was on Saturday last decided that they would supply boats to take 600 men each at an early date. The first detachment of 600 will commence embarking to-morrow on the s.s. *Hongkong* which leaves Hongkong for Canton to-night, and will anchor below the Macao Forts.

Detachments of soldiers still continue to be sent up the West River but their destination is kept secret.

[A representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph* interviewed Mr. A. R. Marty in Hongkong this morning. He verified these statements regarding the s.s. *Hongkong* being employed by the Chinese Government and informed us that the vessel left Canton for Pakhoi direct with 600 troops at noon yesterday.]

Later.

DESPATCH OF TROOPS.

A late despatch from Canton states that the Acting Viceroy of Canton, after a long consultation with the Hoppo, and Admiral Ho Cheong Ching, has given orders to Lin Ying Foy, the Black Flag chief, to immediately raise three thousand of his troops and proceed with all haste to the borders of Kwai Chow, where the rebels are reported to be in great numbers. Admiral Ho has also been warned to keep his troops in readiness.

ASK FOR ASAHI JAPANESE BEER.

G. Girault.

TIENTSIN DAY BY DAY.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

TIENTSIN, Dec. 8th.

PILGRIMS RETURN.

Messrs. Carvill (H.B.M. Vice-Consul) and Mr. R. K. Douglas (of Messrs. Wilson and Company) have just returned from their long pilgrimage to Kuk-nor, which was taken on behalf of all the foreign merchants here who lost so heavily in 1900, by reason of their cargo not coming down, for which money had been paid. It is said they have not only been very successful in their business, but have had a most unique experience. I have not yet been able to glean any particulars of their journey beyond the brief statements which have been from time to time published, but I hear they did the last few hundred miles on foot, and suffered a good deal from cold. When they entered Peking they are said to have been scarcely recognizable, with long hair on their shoulders, and long beards, as of course they had met with no conveniences in the barber line, and they must have closely resembled Russian Priests.

An Edict has appeared confirming the reported appointment of Wei Kwang-ino, a Hunan man and a soldier, to the viceroyship of the Lang-Kiang in succession to the late Lui Kun Yi. Nothing is known of him up here except that at one time he was successful in suppressing one of the many Mahomedan risings in Kansuh. The Edict also creates him superintendent of Southern trade. It is said the appointment has given a great pleasure in Peking official circles.

CAPTURE OF REBEL CHIEF.

The rebel chief, Teng Lai-fung, who has been making things lively at Jehol for so long, and who was recently captured by Ma Yu-kou, is to be executed at Jehol and not brought to Peking as at first proposed. There is a large family of the Tengs and it is not likely that the death of this man will end the trouble. In the whole region of the north and throughout Manchuria brigands and lawless tribes abound, and are likely to do so. The Russians have disarmed the peaceful Chinese, and for some reason make little or no attempt to deal with the brigands unless their own safety at certain points makes it compulsory. As they are supposed to have "vacated" Manchuria it is presumably impossible for them to do any thing, but from the general attitude of the world I should suppose that it rather suits their purpose having the brigands there. They possibly counteract any tendency to collective movement which might otherwise show itself on the part of the Manchus.

JUNG LU STILL SICK.

Jung Lu is still sick and rather worse by latest accounts, though before the present cold weather set in he was thought to be improving. It is not stated exactly what the matter with him is, but he is said to suffer great pain in his leg, so that it is probably gout or rheumatism. Kwei Chu, the "degraded" ex-Governor of Zhachun who is Jung Lu's uncle, is living very comfortably in Peking and it is generally thought he will have some good position given him, if not because of his anti-foreign proclivities certainly in spite of them. He is a bit of a hero with many of the officials and poses as rather an authority on "the foreigner." He regards us all as hungry beggars hanging round the rich man's heels, and that we have absolutely no desire which cannot be gratified by a sufficient number of dollars.

SU ZOR SIBERIA?

There is keen rivalry between the old and new postal routes, some marvellous trips having been made by letters coming via Siberia. But it does not always come out right as many letters have taken over two months via Siberia as against five to six weeks by the old route. Personally I favour the old way, and prefer the risks of the sea route, Shanghai and Hongkong post office are included to the unknown dangers of the overland. It is quite the fashion now for people to post test messages both ways to see which arrives first.

SKIAT G.

The rivers both at Newchwang and here are still open, and though distinctly cold now, the season is phenomenally mild. There is no sign of ice yet in the river, but there are a few venturesome souls who have tried skating on small ponds.

LATE CABLE NEWS.

(via Australia.)

ATTEMPTED TRAIN-WRECKING.

December 1st.

A diabolical attempt to wreck the Midland express near Darwen, Lancashire, was discovered and frustrated to-day.

ALLEGED BREACH OF THE BETTING ACT.

December 2nd.

The proprietors of the *Sportsman* have been fined for publishing an advertisement relating to betting. The case is regarded as a test one, and notice of an appeal has been lodged.

THE ATLANTIC COMBINE.

Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan's settlement with the shareholders of the White Star and Dominion companies on behalf of the Atlantic Combine, was effected yesterday without a hitch, the sum of £4,500,000 being paid in cash to the shareholders as part payment for their shares.

SEVERE WINTER WEATHER.

The winter has set in with exceptional severity over the North American continent. There is a foot of snow on the ground in New Jersey, and the wolves in Mexico and New Mexico are preying upon the valley sheep.

N.Z. LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY.

The accounts of the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., show that after paying the interest on the 4 per cent. preference debenture stock, and also on the second

debenture stock, a profit of £535 remained in hand. That amount was carried to the interest account on the third debenture stock.

BIG PROPERTY SALE.

Eighty-two acres of land in the Earl's Court district of London, owned by Lord Kensington, and covered with houses, yesterday brought upwards of £500,000 at public auction. The amount is fully £250,000 below what was anticipated.

AN IMPERIAL COLONIAL BATTALION.

General Parsons, at Halifax, Canada, suggested the formation of an Imperial colonial Battalion, with headquarters in England, the various colonies supplying companies.

AUSTRALIAN WINE FOR THE KING.

King Edward has accepted, through Mr. H. Copeland, the Agent-General for New South Wales, twenty dozen of Lindeman's Cawarra wines.

ROMAN CATHOLICS.

December 3rd.

His Holiness the Pope has appointed a commission of Cardinals to study the question of the preservation of the faith against Protestantism in Rome. The meeting of the Papal Consistory has been postponed until February next.

AN AMALGAMATION.

The firms of Lloyd and Lloyd, of Birmingham, and A. and J. Stewart and Macraes, Limited, of Glasgow, are amalgamating under the title of Stewart, Lloyds, and Co., with a capital of £1,000,000.

(Via Calcutta.)

THE EVACUATION OF SHANGHAI.

6th December.

An *Englishman* special telegram, dated London, 4th December, says: The contents of the blue-book regarding the evacuation of Shanghai are being very bitterly discussed in the British and German press. Some London papers insist that the correspondence convicts Germany of double-dealing and trying to make special terms secretly with China.

SWEEPING CHANGES IN THE NAVY.

The *Daily Mail* states that the Admiralty has resolved to make sweeping reforms in the navy, including the introduction of the principle of selection with regard to a certain proportion of promotions of engineers into the executive branch and the complete reorganisation of marines.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AND CURRENCY.

In the recently issued report on the Executive Committee of the American Association of China for 1902, appears the following:

The question of chief moment, in its immediate effect on our trade relations with China, is the continued decline in silver, the depreciation now amounting to about twenty per cent as compared with the ruling value at the beginning of the year. The derangement in values which has followed is disastrous to business in imports, and it is difficult to forecast the ultimate outcome of existing conditions. At the moment the import business has been checked and is almost paralyzed, as the rise in silver values does not keep pace with the increased cost of merchandise at the present adverse exchanges.

Should there be a further fall in silver, or no recovery from its present low price, it is not improbable that imports into China will materially decrease, as the silver cost, especially of all textiles, has reached a point which it is believed places many classes of fabrics out of the reach of the masses, who are the chief consumers.

A condition such as this presents a most unsatisfactory prospect to Western manufacturers who have been looking to China for increased, not decreased, purchases of their merchandise.

Every business man who has commercial relations with China of course wishes to see the trade of this Empire expand, both in imports and in exports, but in any discussion as to how that expansion shall be effected so many complex questions arise that your Committee hesitates to make either argument or suggestion.

A happy adjustment of the difficulties which threaten may come through the natural laws of trade; but the fact cannot be overlooked that the present value of China's annual imports exceeds the value of her annual exports by fifty million taels, and in searching for her ability to equalize that debit balance nothing satisfactory is discovered but the early development of her great mineral resources.

The payment of the indemnity to the Foreign Powers has given opportunity to the officials to collect by extortionate taxation, three and four times the amount of money actually needed. This may lead to serious consequences affecting both mercantile and missionary interests. There can be little doubt of China's ability to pay the indemnity, but the difficulty arises from the incidence of the taxation.

It does not fall in the main upon those able to pay, but upon the poorer classes of the people. In the less prosperous provinces and districts of the Empire it imposes a heavy burden upon an already impoverished peasantry. Thus it excites disaffection, and engenders an anti-foreign spirit in the populace. We do not call in question the justice of this form of punishment, but we would call attention to the fact that it is not easily recognized by the ignorant masses. On the contrary, the payment of the indemnity is looked upon by them and represented to them by those in authority, as a further proof of foreign oppression, and thus may lead to violent uprisings in the future.

Disturbances of this character, and feelings which give rise to them, must be prejudicial to the interests of the merchant, as he seeks to extend the area of his trade, and to the missionary as he endeavours to carry on his religious work.

CHINA'S CURRENCY.

The second Article of the Treaty of Shanghai—the ratifications of which have to be exchanged on or before the 5th of next September—lays down that China shall take steps to provide a uniform national coinage which shall be legal tender throughout the empire. Plainly the object of the Article is to correct the anomaly and inconvenience resulting from the fact that the so-called unit of currency in China, namely, the tael, has a different value in almost every province. But some people are disposed to read into the treaty a stipulation that the new coinage shall be linked to gold by a fixed ratio, and that the ratio shall be preserved by limiting the supply of coins to the demands of trade.

It is refreshingly wonderful to find such theories gravely advanced. Probably the publicists responsible for the suggestion had in mind the silver subsidiary coins of England, which are arbitrarily made to circulate at a gold price far in excess of their intrinsic value. But the shilling or the half-crown retains its fictitious gold price solely because it can always be exchanged for gold at that price. If twenty shillings did not buy a sovereign, each of these silver tokens would at once fall to a fraction of its present value. There would be no corresponding means of maintaining the gold price of a Chinese tael. The idea of giving it a fictitious value by limiting the number of coins in circulation is wholly impractical. If China wants to have a currency stable in terms of gold, she must make its units such that they will be exchangeable for a fixed amount of gold at fixed ratio; in other words, she must adopt the gold standard. That is the one and only way. She is now unwittingly revenging herself upon the nations that have condemned her to pay a heavy indemnity, for the millions of silver taels that she has to hand over to them periodically, are the means of throwing a quantity of the white metal upon a market having no use for it, and the consequence is its inconvenient depreciation. By the time that the whole amount of 450 million taels plus interest has been absorbed by the Occident and Japan a great many merchants engaged in the Far Eastern trade will have new reason for cursing the Boxer outrages. — *J. P. M. Mail.*

THE SUPPRESSION OF PIRACY.

A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

The frequent acts of piracy mentioned by the Hongkong correspondent of the *Times* as occurring between Hongkong and Canton deserve the immediate attention of the Foreign Office and Admiralty, writes the London correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian*. At Hongkong we maintain a large flotilla of destroyers and torpedo-boats, and they are constantly under way, doing quarterly trips or training stokers. Instead of being sent round the island of Hongkong they might just as well be sent towards Canton to give help when required. Thus a large part of the route would be patrolled, at any rate in the day-time, and the Foreign Office could call upon the Chinese to police the rest of the Canton River to Canton. The practice at Hongkong is to keep one torpedo-boat in readiness. This boat was called the "ready boat," but as on the news of an act of piracy she would take three hours to get up steam she cannot be said to have been particularly ready.

Commercial.

MANCHESTER MARKET REPORT.

In a Manchester market report for November appears the following:—

With regard to China and the Straits, all business is absolutely at a standstill. The last fall of silver and exchanges has thoroughly demoralised both these markets. In China goods are very strongly held by such large importers that there is no fear of any disasters, as far as we can ascertain, but things in the Straits are on a different footing. Failures in the bazaars have been plentiful, and more are expected, and it is quite likely that a few of the European houses have been harder hit than they would care to admit. Business in the Philippine Islands has also been dead owing to the plague and the utter destitution of the population, and goods which have been purchased for that market and held out there cannot be realised for even half the invoice value.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer 7 1/2
" Bank Bills, on demand 1 7 3/16
" Credits, 4 months' sight 1 7 9/16
" Debits, 4 months' sight 1 7 11/16
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ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand 201
" Credits, 4 months' sight 205
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand 39
" Credits, 30 days' sight 39 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer 119 1/2
On demand 119 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer 7 1/2
Private 30 days' sight none.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T. 29 3/4 prem.
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To-day's quotations are as follows:—

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BENARES New @ 980
PERSIAN (PAPER) @ 700/750

To-day's Advertisement.



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To-day's Advertisements.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE No. 2 OF 1892

AND IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF GEORGE ARCHIBALD LOWRY, MECHANICAL ENGINEER, OF 1124, MONADNOCK BLOCK, 265 DEARBORN STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE WITHIN THE COLONY OF HONGKONG OF AN INVENTION FOR "PROCESS OF AND APPARATUS FOR GINNING COTTON AND SIMILAR MATERIAL."

NOTICE is hereby given that the PETITION, SPECIFICATION and DECLARATION required by the above-cited ORDINANCE have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said GEORGE ARCHIBALD LOWRY, to apply at the Sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for LETTERS PATENT for the Exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the said Invention.

And Notice is hereby also given that a Sitting of the Executive Council, before whom the matter of the said Petition will come for decision, will be held in the Council Chamber, at the GOVERNMENT OFFICES, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 2nd day of January, 1903.

Dated the 19th day of December, 1902. STEPHENS & THOMSON, Solicitors for the Applicant.

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THE Steamship.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M., TO-DAY.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on WEDNESDAY, the 31st instant, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 4th January, 1903, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [553c]

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LONDON.	"PELEUS"	On 6th January.
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LONDON.	"TELEMACHUS"	On 3rd February.
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FOR SWATOW, AMOI AND FOCHOW. THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN," Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 25th instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage apply to DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1902. [1412d]
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1391d]

Consignees.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SILESIA," Captain Balle, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Option of Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 3 P.M. TO-DAY, the 18th instant.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1388d]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"BALAARAT," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 26th instant at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [1402d]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP AND LONDON.

THE Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE," Captain C. H. Birch, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th instant, at 10 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1402d]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "VICTORIA," FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND MOJI.

The above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [1394d]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE A'GAR," having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after the 25th instant, at 4 P.M., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1902. [1413d]

Consignees.

"INDRA" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM NEW YORK. THE Company's Steamship

"INDRADEO,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 30th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the vessel's arrival here, after which no claims will be recognised.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 4 P.M., TO-DAY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1902. [1417d]

Shipping.

Arrivals.

SILESIA, Austrian steamer, 3,340, G. Ghesso, 23rd Dec.; Singapore 18th Dec. General, Sander, Wiler & Co.

SUNGKIANG, British steamer, 1,021, A. W. Outerbridge, 23rd Dec.; Manila 19th Dec. General, Butterfield & Swire.

AMIGO, German steamer, 722, N. J. Baitzer, 23rd Dec.; Saigon 17th Dec. Rice-flour, Jensen & Co.

MALACCA, British steamer, 2,615, A. F. Street, 23rd Dec.; Yokohama 9th Dec. General, P. & O. S. N. Co.

YAWATA MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,366, A. E. Moses, 23rd Dec.; Melbourne 26th Nov., and Manila 21st Dec. General, Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

HAITAN, British steamer, 1,183, J. S. Roach, 23rd Dec.; Swatow 23rd Dec. General, Douglas, Lafraik & Co.

TREMONT, American steamer, 9,606, T. W. Garlick, 23rd Dec.; Manila 21st Dec. Hemp, Dredwell & Co., Ltd.

ULYSSES, British steamer, 2,281, R. Williams, 23rd Dec.; Amoy 22nd Dec. General, Butterfield & Swire.

INDRADEO, British steamer, 3,457, Wm. Eastbrook, 23rd Dec.; Manila 24th Dec. General, Jardine, Matheson & Co.

TEENKAI, British steamer, 3,016, H. C. Harris, 23rd Dec.; Shanghai 20th Dec. General, Butterfield & Swire.

SZECHUEN, British steamer, 1,142, Hall, 23rd Dec.; Amoy 19th December, General, Butterfield & Swire.

TAISANG, British steamer, 1,544, R. C. D. Bradley, 23rd Dec.; Canton 23rd Dec. General, Jardine, Matheson & Co.

EMPEROR OF CHINA, British steamer, 3,003, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 24th Dec.; Vancouver (B.C.) 1st Dec., and Shanghai 21st, Mails and General, C. P. R. Co.

HYSON, British steamer, 6,607, J. A. Davies, 24th Dec.; Moji 19th Dec. General, Butterfield & Swire.

PRINCESS IRENE, German steamer, 6,686, G. Danneemann, 24th Dec.; Hamburg 13th Nov., Antwerp 16th, Southampton 19th, Gibraltar 22nd, Genoa 25th, Naples 27th, Port Said 1st Dec., Suez 2nd, Aden 6th, Colombo 13th, Penang 17th, and Singapore 19th, Mails and General, Melchers & Co.

E-SANG, British steamer, 1,127, Reynolds, 24th Dec.; Chefoo 19th Dec. Ground-nuts, Jardine, Matheson & Co.

KWANGLO, Chinese steamer, 1,505, R. Lincoln, 25th Dec.; Shanghai 21st Dec. General, C. M. S. N. Co.

NINGCHOW, British steamer, 4,899, Riley, 24th Dec.; Liverpool and Singapore 19th December, General, Butterfield & Swire.

SHINI MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,388, K. Nakagawa, 24th Dec.; Shanghai 14th Dec. General, Kwong Ma Wo.

WUHU, British steamer, 1,127, Stringer, 24th Dec.; Canton 23rd Dec. General, Butterfield & Swire.

Departures.

Dec. 24, Bayern, German str., for Europe.

Dec. 24, Haiphong, French str., for Haiphong.

Dec. 24, Midauru Maru, Jap. str., for Swatow.

Dec. 24, Dolt, Norwegian str., for Bangkok.

Dec. 24, Silecia, German str., for Japan.

Dec. 24, Triumph, German str., for Haiphong.

Dec. 24, Hailome, British str., for Swatow.

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